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Dear Americans,

Since reading all the published comments about the microsoft monopoly, I find that most of the other companies involved in the desktop computer industry, support microsoft by not competing. For example, IBM spends one billion dollars on Linux, porting many of its web and enterprise software, but does not port any desktop software from its lotus subsidiary.

If you want to punish microsoft and increase competition, then you can make it easy for Microsoft software competitors to port their software to other Operating Systems, including Linux, FreeBSD, Solaris, Mac X, etc.

This would have the effect of stimulating competition, and opening export markets to American software, other than Microsoft.

The lesson of what American users did to IBM after it was let off by the doj, should not be forgotton. A similar fate for Microsoft would be disasterous to the world economy at this stage.

Your faithfully

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